

## OIL WENT UP.

A BIG BLAZE ALL DAY  
TUESDAY.The Government Kerosene Ware-  
house in Ruins.

About Thirty-five Thousand Cases of Oil Destroyed—Kerosene Advanced to Ten Dollars Per Case.

For some days past several assistants of James Nott, Jr., were at work soldering leaking kerosene tins at the Government Kerosene Warehouse back of Kawaiahao church on South street. Shortly before 12 o'clock a workman took hold of the soldering furnace to move it elsewhere; the furnace being hot the employee grasped it with a hand full of waste so as not to burn his hand. By this precaution to save his hand, the city saw as big a fire as ever before witnessed here, and now mourns the loss of so much kerosene that none can be had for love and precious little for money.

The soldering was being done in a wooden shed a few feet from the main building, on the makai-Waikiki side. The floor or ground was saturated with oil that had leaked from the damaged tins. No sooner had the bunch of waste caught fire than the shed dropped in, and as some said, ran out. The oil soon ignited, enveloping the shed in flames that soon spread to the warehouse, which was fired as if it were covered with a layer of powder. It was quickly done.

The alarm was turned in at once for the fire boys who, as usually the case with them, promptly responded. The disgust of the firemen was strongly expressed when the plugs were loosened and there was no water; the engines puffed and morted, but all in vain; there was not a large enough stream to put out a bonfire, hardly enough to sprinkle the firemen, at their duty, in order to keep them from roasting. Even had there been a good supply of water, it would have been of no use, as it could not have played on the fire inside, which soon raged so fiercely that Madam Pele would have looked on with considerable pleasure.

Besides the kerosene there were several hundred drums of gasoline, some of which were removed by the workmen before the fire had reached the part of the building in which they were placed. The crowd that gathered expected every moment to see a terrific explosion. Undaunted by this fear many approached near the burning building, only to beat a retreat, as precipitate as that of the Union soldier at the first Battle of Bull Run, when the drums began to explode and shoot through the air, regardless of where they might strike. One of the drums struck a corner of Mr. J. Magoon's house, shaking it as if stormed at with shot and shell. The drums flew in several directions; one started out to check the crowd that was gathering on Queen street. This was effectually done. None approached from that direction till the shooting was over. While this was going on, around the corners of buildings, etc., could be seen peeping the heads of many of the less brave. Not content with the firing at Mr. Magoon's house, the supporters at one time of one of the hoses turned the stream into that gentleman's ear. The ear was of an ordinary size, but the stream of water was small, so he was only sprinkled.

The firemen were powerless to do anything for want of water; all that could be done was to gaze upon the scene. The scene was both lively and hot; so hot, that when in full blast the heat twisted and melted the corrugated iron roof almost as if it were lead. Occasionally a part of the roofing fell in or a new lot of cases were reached by the flames; then the volumes of smoke, dense at any time, would assume such proportions and fantastic, ever-changing form as to make the sight awe-inspiring as well as beautiful. It was a grand sight, one that gave the people here an idea of what an immense oil conflagration is like in the oil fields of the East.

The houses near the burning warehouses were at times heated to such an extent that only a spark was needed to set them ablaze. Happily for their owners, and perhaps for a large part of the town, there were no sparks flying and very little wind; the wind that was blowing was in the direction of the vacant lots. Had there been much wind used in the construction of the building, there is hardly a doubt but a great portion of that end of town would be in ashes now. The building was a stone and brick one with corrugated iron roof. It was a little over 200 feet long by 50 wide. The kerosene cargoes of the late vessels in port were stored there to the number of about 35,000 cases, which at present prices would have been worth about \$300,000, or rather would sell for that.

The greater part of the oil belonged to the Standard Oil Company; Messrs. Castle & Cooke, Hawaiian agents for this corporation, controlled 11,000 cases; Messrs. Brewer & Co., also agents for the same, had 12,342 cases. These two firms import about 50,000 cases each year, so this loss is nearly half their yearly importation. Messrs. H. Hackfeld & Co. were losers to the extent of 1,200 and a few odd cases, with no insurance. The only firm insured was the Fireman's Fund Company, Bishop & Co., agents for the islands. The Hawaiian Hardware Company lost 300; T. H. Davies & Co., the same number. Two or three Chinese firms had stored in the warehouse from 300 to 600 cases. In all there was not more than 35,000 cases of kerosene destroyed. There were 200 ten-gallon drums of gasoline stored there, a number of which were saved.

The books of the warehouse were saved; they were taken from the office in the large building. No safe could have lasted intact through such a fire. Mr. McKague, the keeper of the warehouse was in the office of Castle & Cooke, collecting fees at the time of the breaking out of the fire.

For some time connection on a number of the telephone wires can not be had as the wires are down in front of the ruins.

Hardly had the fire become known than many enterprising (for themselves) tradespeople skipped on a hunt for kero-

sene, buying up all the oil that could be had before it was generally known that there would be a famine in that article. Those who sold, thinking they were fortunate in making ready sales of large stock, are now trying to hire some one "to kick" them. The present prices will not last long as large quantities of kerosene are on the way. By the firm-gard on Thursday, Messrs. C. Brewer & Co. received 1,000 cases, with 5,000 more on the way. Numerous orders were sent by the Australia; this will hardly arrive before the "corner" is broken. Then there will be quantities of the stuff here.

## KAWAIAHAO SEMINARY.

## Twenty-Fourth Annual Exercises—At the Kawaiahao Church.

The twenty-fourth annual closing exercises of the Kawaiahao Seminary, held at the Kawaiahao Church on Thursday afternoon, was attended by a very large number of people, both whites and natives. A number of boys from the Kamehameha School acted as ushers. All the lady pupils, excepting three Chinese girls, were clad in white, presenting an appearance at once unique and attractive. It is gratifying to see so large a number of parents and friends of the institution turn out to witness for themselves the progress which the girls have obtained through the guidance of their teachers.

All the three choruses, in which nearly all the members of the school joined, were charmingly rendered. Hawaiians are noted for their sweet singing, and no better opportunity of listening to them is seldom given than upon this occasion. Miss Carrie Castle accompanied the girls upon the piano. The piano duets by the Misses Rice and Lelelo, and Misses Alapai and Ah Oi, were given with skill creditable to their ages. Miss Lucy Aukai read a composition in Hawaiian in a clear voice. Miss Aukai enumerated the commendable deeds of many foreigners who have cheerfully given aid to almost three-fourths of the scholars attending that school, and, in her humble opinion, without such assistance, the institution cannot be successfully carried on. The flag drill, by sixteen little girls, was a novel affair, adding greatly to the entertainment of the spectators. The dumb bell exercise by the senior girls was prettily executed. The "Alphabet in Council" by members of the Primary Department almost took the house by storm. The little girls stood before their audience and admirably recited their parts. A composition entitled "Changes at the Seminary" was read by Miss Margaret Powers, one of the senior pupils. In her essay, she mentioned numerous changes which had taken place among the members of the faculty, the appearance of the school, etc. No better girl perhaps could have been selected for the task, for, as she says, of the large number of young ladies who have joined that school when she first entered it at the age of five, she alone and another girl remain, while all the others have either gone back to their homes or have joined the happy throng above. Miss Powers delivered her essay in an easy but sympathetic style, being loudly applauded.

## Strangers' Friend Society.

The annual meeting of the Strangers' Friend Society was held in the parlors of the Y. M. C. A., May 27th, at which time officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Mrs. W. F. Allen, President; Mrs. Mackintosh and Mrs. Hobron, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. S. M. Damon, Secretary; Mrs. E. W. Jordan, Treasurer; Mrs. Mary Dowsett, Directors.

Amendments to the constitution were adopted, and reports read by the Vice-President, secretary and treasurer. The Vice-President gave particulars of individual cases visited and assisted during the year. The secretary reported for the year's work; 16 cases of various nationalities, supported in the Queen's Hospital, for whom \$582.50 had been expended; four persons assisted with passage money to the Coast and three provided with lodging and board. The society had also paid out \$15 monthly for the needs of transient individual cases. Generous donations had been received from Capt. Morse and passengers of the Alameda, two donations amounting to \$96.50; from the Admiral Kimberly Reception Committee, \$42; from Mr. Eckart, \$10; from Mr. Francis Gay, \$100; and from the Hon. C. R. Bishop, \$5,000, endowing for the use of the society a bed in the Queen's Hospital. The Treasurer reported receipts for the year \$1,591.27; disbursements, \$1,495.25; leaving a balance of \$96.02 in the treasury.

## Hotel Arrivals.

The following named arrivals by the Mariposa were registered at the Hawaiian Hotel:

J. J. Aubertin, London; Misses Cox, Willis, Allen, New Zealand; Mr. M. Allen, T. S. Allen, R. C. Allen, W. F. Allen, Geo. E. Borwick, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson, T. H. Angus, S. H. Skinner, Miss Arnhem, Colonel Carr, Rev. and Mrs. Ellis, England; Dr. Hammond and wife, Australia; J. Morrison, Wellington.

The following named were arrivals by the Alameda:

L. C. Wilson, Chicago; J. Chalayer, P. P. Frasel, Melbourne; N. E. Murphy, Sydney; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Horner, J. N. Moore, J. O. Gunn, San Francisco, Cal.; E. R. Adams, Portland; W. J. Starr, W. D. McBryde, Washington; Mrs. Fargeon, New York; Mrs. J. S. McDonald, Picton; Chas. J. Sivalle and wife; Mr. and Mrs. E. Halstead, Waialua; Col. Carr, England.

## HAMILTON HOUSE.

Albert Barnes, Maui; Dr. Dwight R. Burrol and wife, New York; Capt. B. E. Colcord, wife and two children, San Francisco; Mrs. M. Godbe and two children, Miss Miriam Godbe, Salt Lake; Capt. Hatch, schooner Lewis; Miss Jessie Hunter.

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## THE HILO RECORD.

The gripe has been going the rounds of our quiet little town, and a large number have, within the past two weeks, been sufferers from it. It seems to spare no one. It has, however, been of a mild type, and thus far those attacked have quickly recovered, thanks to our fine climate.

When our water works get to running, we believe our townspeople will be healthier, especially if a stop can be put to the use of our stream water for culinary or drinking purposes.

The Lurline arrived in port on Monday P. M., last week, and brought a full freight. Passengers by her were Mrs. Atkins, two daughters and son, of Kohala, and our townsman, Mrs. Lucy Lewis.

The Harvester sailed last Wednesday A. M. with a full load of sugar. Passengers by her were Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Austin and daughter, and Miss Nellie Sisson and Miss Elvira Richardson. The Judge and wife are going for a vacation of three months or so, and will visit their sons, who have settled in California. Miss Nellie Sisson expects to attend school, and Miss Richardson goes on to Philadelphia on a visit to her relatives.

We hear a report of a Chinaman being murdered in Puna and foul play is suspected. The Sheriff has the matter in hand.

Work on the Hilo Water Works seems to be at a stand still. Why?

No work yet commenced on our Volcano road. "Charley," only ten months left, and there is lots to do. What are you waiting for? "Mahope" is still a long ways off. Hurry up. The prisoners, we learn, have been cutting off the oil and ferns alongside the Volcano road in the woods, making it much easier to drive there now than it was. The Road Board seem to be doing all they can to push on our roads. Several of our streets have been well macadamized, and are now in quite good order. Work on the country roads does not seem to lag from the want of funds.

After a great deal of laborious work, the tug Alice was raised from the sand, and now is afloat in the Waiala river. The heavy machinery had to be taken from her before she could be raised.

Last Wednesday a jolly company of our townspeople drove out on the Volcano road as far as Olaa, where a fine picnic was served. The day was fine and all enjoyed the treat. It is a shame that the beautiful woods alongside the road at Olaa are being girdled and destroyed by the Olaa natives, just for the purpose of planting a little taro. It seems to us that this destruction of the forests should be stopped by the Crown Commissioners. Gentlemen, please look into this matter.

Hilo, May 26th.

## Consult Your Wife.

Two gentlemen were talking about a business enterprise in which, though it involved some pecuniary risk, they were strongly inclined to embark, says the Florida Dispatch. Finally one of them remarked: "I must consult my wife before I decide." "Why?" exclaimed the other, "is she boss?" "No," was the reply, "neither am I. We are a well matched team; and we don't drive tandem. My wife is as much interested in the welfare of our family as I, and she has a right to have a voice in the investment of our little property." There was nothing more than justice in this view of matrimonial obligation, especially in the case of poor or only moderately well-to-do families—and these comprise an overwhelmingly large proportion of the families in this country where a slight increase or diminution in the annual earnings would be felt alike by every member. The wife has labored at home to earn or to save, while her husband has labored in the field, the shop or the counting room; is justly a partner in his earnings and savings, and should share in all plans for disposing of their small accumulations so as to make them more productive if all goes well.

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